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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

ERBEY et al.

Art Unit: 3624

Application No.: 10/729,019

Examiner: J. Patel

Filed: December 8, 2003

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For: EXPENSE TRACKING, ELECTRONIC ORDERING, INVOICE PRESENTMENT,
AND PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 24, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, a response being due October 24, 2005 (October 23, 2005 falling on a Sunday), the Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of **Group I**, 1-23 and 34-45, which the Examiner has indicated are drawn to a method and apparatus for performing automated commerce ordering comprising creating a budget for a transaction, the budget including a total price and at least one line item which include an approved work order price, creating work order for each line item, wherein each work order specifies a vendor to complete the work order, transmitting the work order to the vendor electronically and processing an invoice from the vendor based upon the approved work order price. The Applicants also hereby provisionally elect **species I.A.** The Applicants submit that claims 1-12, 20 and 34-45 read on such species. Therefore, examination is requested of claims 1-12, 20 and 34-45.